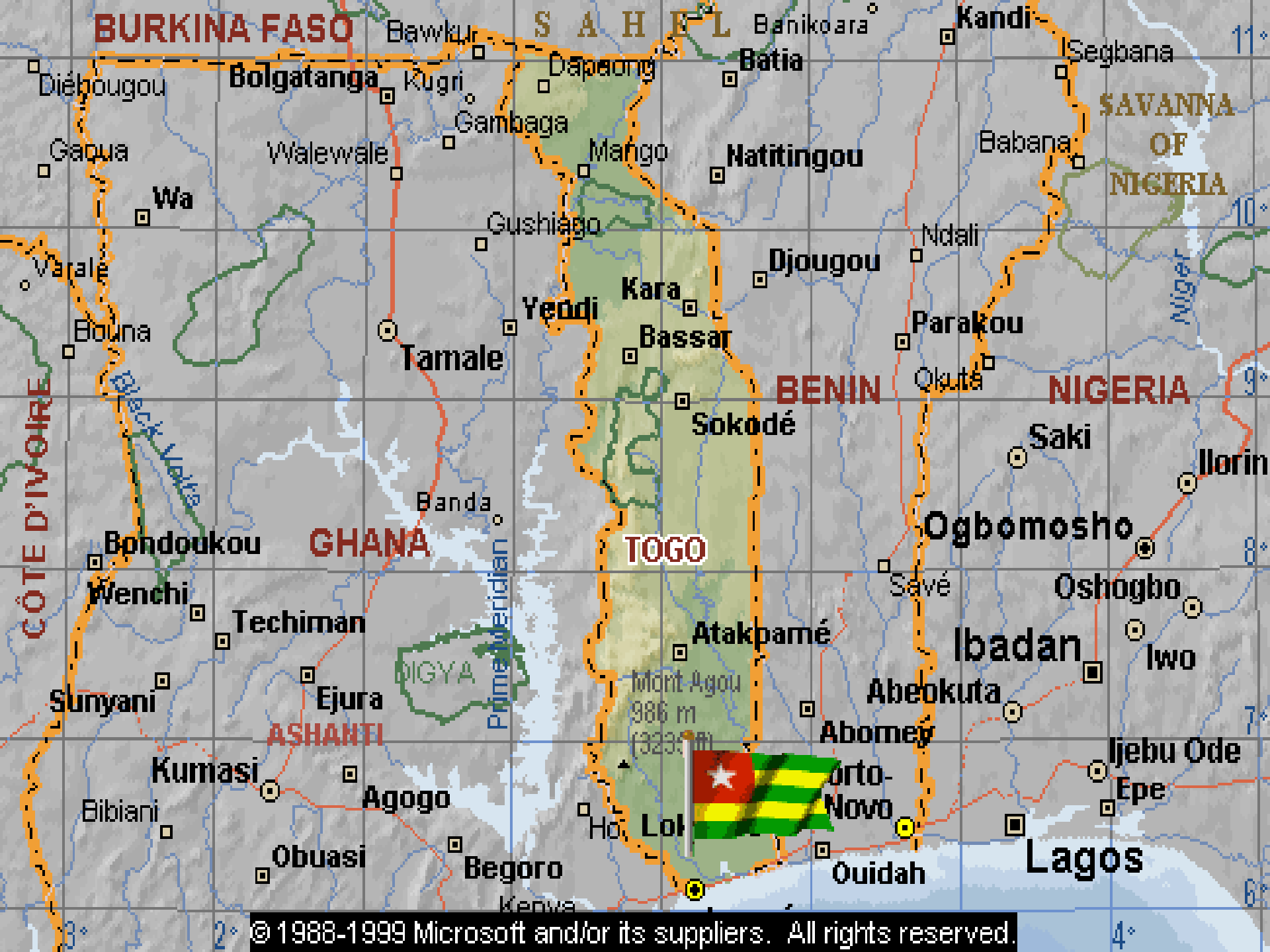
TRAVELER'S BRIEFING

TOGO

(Republique Togolaise)



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BACKGROUND

Full Name: Togolese Republic

Capital: Lome

Population: 5,081,413 (est)

Type of government: Republic

Head of government: PM Kwassi Klutse

Official language(s) French, Ewe, Mina,

Economy: Agriculture and mining based

Religions: Indigenous (70%), Christian (20%) Islam (10%)

TRAVEL

Travel restrictions: None.

INTERNATIONAL

International Airport: Lome

Flights from Frankfurt: None

Other methods of arrival: Ship/Road/Rail

U.S. Embassy address: rue Pelletier Caventou and rue Vauban in Lome.

Tel: 228-21-29-91/92/93/94 FAX: 228-21-78-72

Transportation: Public transportation: Poor.

Urban Roads/Maintenance: Poor.

Rural roads/Maintenance: Poor.

Availability of roadside assistance: Poor.

ENTRY/EXIT

Travel Necessities: Military personnel on leave do not require clearance or advance notice, but do require identification credentials. Personnel on leave require passport and visa. Identification cards and orders are required. Visas are not available at the airport. US citizens traveling to Togo are encouraged to contact the Amembassy in Lome upon arrival to register their presence and receive updated security information. Passports and visas are required for all travelers. For official travel, no-fee passports are required. Visas are not

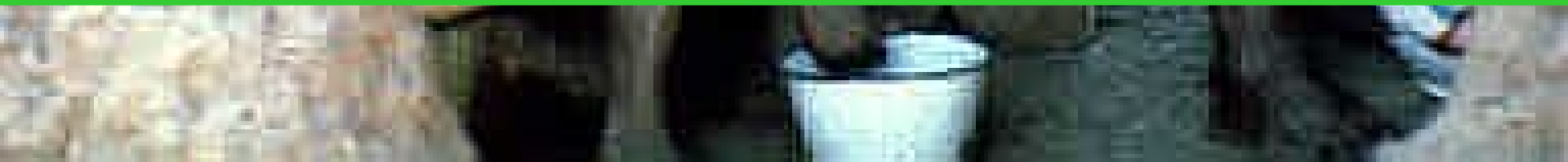
Customs, immigration, and quarantine inspection is required.

Duty-free entry for personal effects: two cameras and 40 rolls of film, jewelry, portable typewriter, cigarette lighter, electric razor, record player and records, and in opened containers: 250 cigars or l,000 cigarettes or two pounds of tobacco, and

HELPFUL HINTS

Special restrictions: Tourism facilities are limited, especially outside the capital city of Lome. Permit is required for firearms. Amembassy recommends no attempt be made to import firearms. Rural roads are generally paved; however, conditions are poor and dangerous with pedestrians and livestock often on the roadways. Overland travel off the main network of roads generally requires a four-wheel drive vehicle. Poorly marked armed checkpoints, often manned by undisciplined soldiers, exist throughout the country. Nighttime travel on unfamiliar roads is dangerous. Banditry, including demands for bribes at checkpoints, has been reported on major intercity highways, including the Lome-Cotonou coastal highway.

Amembassy operating hours are Mon-Fri, 0730L-1600L.



MONEY

Currency restrictions: Declare all currency. There is no limit on imports of any currency, but exports of local currency are limited. Exchange at banks, certain hotels, or special designated exchange channels. Limited courtesy exchange available at Embassy for official travelers.

Rate: Approximate: 500 CFA francs for $1.

HEALTH

Major threats: diarrhea, respiratory diseases, accidents, malaria, arthropod-borne diseases, schistosomiasis, STDs, heat injuries and high elevation.

Availability of medical services: Adequate medical care is readily available.

Medical Insurance: May not apply in Togo. Check with your policy advisor to see if you are covered or will be reimbursed.

Status of hospitals: Good

Health Precautions: Yellow fever vaccination required for all travelers over one year of age.

Immunizations: Hep A (recommended), Hep B, MMR, typhoid, influenza, yellow fever, meningococcal vaccine, and TD.

FORCE PROTECTION

Country Clearance is needed for high-ranking officers traveling to Togo. You obtain this by going through your S3/G3 section. This must be done at least 30 days ahead of scheduled visit. DV visits will also be coordinated through Briefings: AT/FP level I brief from command's Level II trainer

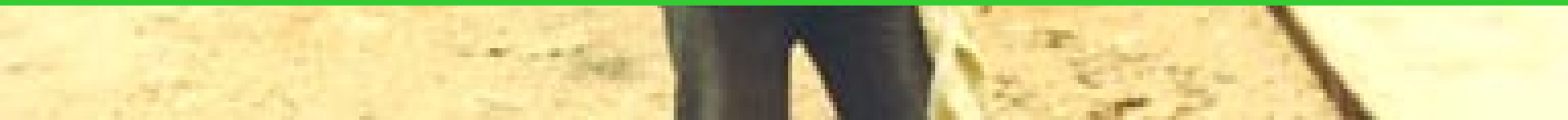
Boil or otherwise purify water and use canned or dried milk. Peel and thoroughly wash or cook fruits and vegetables. Select foods and eating places cautiously. Malaria suppressants should be started two weeks before arrival and continued for five weeks after departure. Togo has experienced periodic violence, strikes, and political tensions since 1990. These periods of unrest often lead to a clampdown by security forces, particularly in Lome. In addition, the government has in the past been known to open/close its border with Ghana from time to time, though this has not happened since early 1999. Motorists should be prepared to stop at numerous police checkpoints in Lome and upcountry. U.S. citizens should avoid political rallies and street

CRIME

Criminal Activities: Pickpocketing and theft are common, especially along the beach and in the market areas of Lome. There have also been several carjackings.

Business fraud, usually stemming from Nigerian scam operations, targets Americans and poses dangers of financial loss and physical harm. Persons contemplating business deals in Togo with individuals promoting investment in Nigeria, especially the Central Bank of Nigeria or the Nigerian National Petroleum Company, are strongly urged to check with the U.S. Department of Commerce or the U.S. Department of State before providing any information, making financial commitments, or traveling to Togo. The loss or theft abroad of a U.S. passport should be reported immediately to local police and to the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Togo is strict on: Drugs and firearms.



WEATHER

http://cnn.com/WEATHER/html

Http://www.weatherunderground.com/

CLOTHING

Uniform restrictions: There are no restrictions on wearing military uniforms. Tropical clothing is recommended all year.

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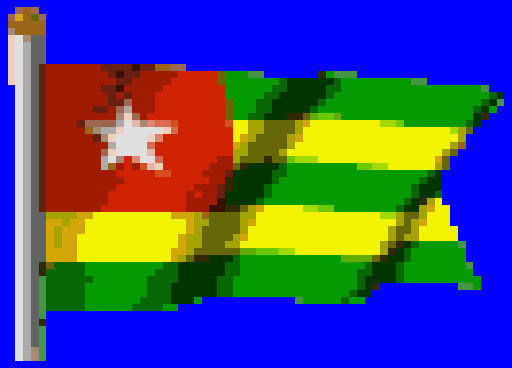

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